

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 8-11 remain in the present application. Claims 4-7 have been canceled from the present application without prejudice in order to expedite the allowance of the present application. Claims 12-36 have been canceled from the present application without prejudice because they are drawn towards non-elected claims. Claim 1 is the only claim in independent form.

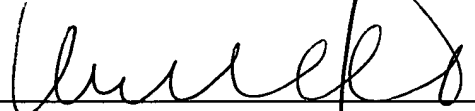
Applicants express their gratitude for the Examiner's telephone conference regarding the originally filed sequence listing and cancellation of non-elected claims. In response thereto, Applicants have canceled 12-36 since they are directed towards non-elected claims. Additionally, pursuant to the Examiner's suggestions, a substitute sequence listing has been submitted hereto along with the necessary statement under 37 CFR § 1.825. Furthermore, the specification has been amended on page 69 with regard to the identification of two sequences (i.e., SEQ ID NOS. 14 and 15). Finally, the substitute sequence listing includes the sequences set forth in Figure 6. These sequences are identified as SEQ ID NOS. 4, 11, 12, and 13.

Pursuant to this amendment, the present application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully requested. If any remaining issues exist, Applicants respectfully request to be contacted by telephone at 248.539.5050.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 11-1449.

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